

*Monroe County in conjunction with the
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau & the
Rochester-Monroe County Youth Board presents*

Young Citizen of the Year Awards

Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards



“Imagine living in a community...
Where all young people feel loved and supported by their families and neighbors,
Where youth have many positive, caring places to be,
Where young people know what is expected of them and have strong values that guide their actions,
Where young people have skills to make healthy choices and have good relationships”

Maggie Brooks
County Executive

BACKGROUND

The Young Citizen of the Year and Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards were established by the Monroe County Legislature as one of the highest honors for youth and adult leadership, community service, advocacy and perseverance. The winners are dynamic Monroe County residents with the passion and drive to change the world, as well as identify and realize solutions to problems. They are committed to strengthening their communities and themselves. The awards pay tribute to outstanding citizens who have made a local contribution toward advocacy and action. Award Recipients in each category will be mailed a formal invitation to the award ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual is eligible for consideration if he/she has exhibited outstanding leadership and performed extraordinary acts on behalf of others or whose achievements have greatly enhanced the quality of life for Monroe County, or has served as a role model for youth advocacy.

NOMINATION PROCESS

(Nominations must include all information requested and be submitted by mail)

- *Nomination Form must include date of birth.
- *Letter of Nomination, which is a 200-word narrative of the nominee's service that qualifies them for this award
- *Letter of Reference, signed by a person who can attest to the nominee's leadership and service. Be sure that the reference letter contains a phone number/e-mail address of the references. The nominator may be contacted with information on behalf of the nominee.
- * For those with special needs, nominations may be submitted in other forms providing the above information. Please contact the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau at 585-753-6460 for assistance.

HOW TO NOMINATE AN ADULT OR YOUTH FOR RECOGNITION

Fill out the attached application and return it by mail along with your nomination letter and letter of reference.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The 2009 Young Citizen of the Year and 2009 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year award nominees must personally exhibit or have demonstrated activities related to the following:

2009 Willie W. Lightfoot Award

Must be a resident of Monroe County
Must be at least 22 years of age
Must demonstrate through service and action, values that reflect the full meaning of a free and democratic society
Must demonstrate a commitment to public service
Must be active in volunteer service
Must set a positive example Must demonstrate leadership

2009 Young Citizen of the Year Award

Must be a resident of Monroe County
Must not be over the age of 21
Must demonstrate through service and actions, values that reflect the full meaning of a free and democratic society
Must demonstrate a commitment to public service
Must be active in volunteer service
Must set an example to peers
Must demonstrate leadership in school

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the Monroe Community Hospital on June 11th, 2009.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS

ALL nominations should be mailed to: **Attn: Megan Wilson, Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau
435 E. Henrietta Road, 3-West Faith
Rochester, NY 14620**

APPLICATION & NOMINATION DEADLINE

All nominations are due by Monday, March 30th, 2009

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan Wilson at 585-753-6460 or MeganWilson@monroecounty.gov.

**2009 Young Citizen of the Year
2009 Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year
Nomination Form**

Please print neatly or type.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ **Home Phone:** (____) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Name of Nominator: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ **Fax Number:** _____

(Please check the appropriate category)

- ◇ **Young Citizen of the Year**
- ◇ Age 12 and Under
- ◇ Age 13 through 15
- ◇ Age 16 through 21

◇ **Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations must be submitted by mail.

1. Nomination letters must be no more than 200 words and must be typed. Nominees must meet all the selection criteria to be eligible for consideration. To assist in your efforts, we recommend that you be sure to answer the following questions:
 - * How has this individual demonstrated a commitment to the community and County?
 - * What values does the nominee promote or encourage while working with youth, peers, or others?
 - * What additional volunteer activities has the nominee participated in?
2. At least one letter of reference needs to be signed by persons attesting to the nominee's services. Nominators may offer additional contact information for references of persons, who may be contacted with information on behalf of the nominee.
3. Nominees must be residents and the leadership and community service activities described must benefit the citizens of Monroe County.
4. Decisions made by the selection committee are final. All submitted entry forms and supporting materials become property of the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau and will not be returned.

**The 2009 Young Citizen of the Year and
Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards
are presented by**

**County Executive
Maggie Brooks
&
2009 Monroe County Legislature**

Wayne Zyra, President, 2nd District– Clarkson, Hamlin, Sweden
Richard Yolevich, 1st District– Ogden, Parma, Sweden
Mary A. Valerio, 3rd District– Chili
Steve Tucciarello, 4th District– Chili, Gates
Mark J. Cassetti, 5th District– Greece
Richard Beebe, 6th District– Greece, Rochester
Douglas B. Dobson, 7th District– Greece, Rochester
Carmen Gumina, 8th District– Webster
Tony LaFountain, 9th District– Penfield
Anthony J. Daniele, 10th District– East Rochester, Pittsford
Mike Barker, 11th District– East Rochester, Fairport, Perinton
Jeff Adair, 12th District– Mendon, Pittsford, Rush, Wheatland
John G. Driscoll, 13th District– Henrietta
Travis R. Heider, 14th District– Brighton
Dan Quatro, Majority Leader, 15th District– Brighton, Penfield, Webster
Vincent J. Esposito, 16th District– Irondequoit
Ted O'Brien, 17th District– Irondequoit
Ciaran Hanna, 18th District– Perinton, Pittsford
Jeffery L. McCann, 19th District– Greece
Robert J. Colby, 20th District– Chili, Henrietta, Ogden, Riga
Carrie Andrews, 21st District– Rochester
Glenn Gamble, 22nd District– Rochester
Paul Haney, 23rd District– Rochester
Harry Bronson, Minority Leader, 24th District– Brighton, Henrietta, Rochester
Calvin Lee Jr., 25th District– Rochester
C. Stephen Eckel, 26th District– Gates, Greece, Irondequoit, Rochester
Willie J. Lightfoot, 27th District– Rochester
Cynthia W. Kaleh, 28th District– Rochester
Jose A. Cruz, 29th District– Rochester